GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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CONVERSION OF STD CALLS INTO LOCAL CALLS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make telephone calls cheaper upto the distance of 200 Kms.;

(b) if so, the time by which new rates are likely to be implemented;

(c) whether the Government propose to convert STD call upto 500 Kms. into local calls; and

(d) if so, the time by which this decision is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. There is no such proposal with the Government. Under the TRAI (Act) 1997, only the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, has been mandated with the power of tariff fixation.